

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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THREAT TO GANGA DOLPHINS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the industrial effluents released by Simbhavali Sugar Mill into the river Ganga near Gadh Mukteshwar has caused a threat to the very existence of a rare species of Ganga Dolphins, known for their peculiarities in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to check the pollution caused by the said sugar mill?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) According to the report of Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB), M/s Simbhavali Sugar Mill has installed Effluent Treatment Plant for treatment of wastewater generated from the industry. The UP PCB has also directed the industry to stop discharging its effluent into inland surface water. The analysis of river water at upstream and downstream of Gadh Mukteshwar is carried out by Pollution Control Research Institute, Haridwar. The Water quality data at this stretch conforms to the bathing class standard and does not seem to pose threat for the Ganga Dolphin.